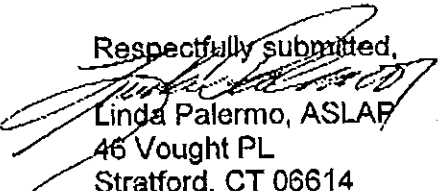


WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF LINDA PALERMO
IN OPPOSITION TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
ON PROPOSED HOUSE BILL 5590

"An Act Concerning a Pilot Program for the Mediation of Ct Condominium -Related Disputes"

Since 1982, I have appeared as a prose litigant in civil matter; At times I have made application for waiver of cost and fee. Last year the legislature unanimously voted that it was within the Judges discursion to grant wavier of cost and fees to persons who are indigent. Although establishing a Pilot Program for the Mediation of Condominium owners who are involved in disputes, It is my opinion as a member of a Cooperative, proposed House Bill 5590, needs to be clarify; 1) Who will pay the cost for the Board of Director seeking to mediate a dispute; 2) If financial consideration will be given to the condominium owner the director is seeking to mediate. 3) Does the Condominium owner have a "right" to refuse to attend a dispute resolution hearing to mediation an alleged dispute. 4) How many times can a director seek to mediate a member dispute within a 12 month period of time before it is considered " abusive and or harassment, or both. 5) Will fines be levied against the member as a result of no resolution being reached regarding the dispute? 6) Who will be assigned to hear the dispute, 7) who will choose the person to hear the dispute? 8) Will Cooperative owner/members be subject to the same dispute resolutions as Condominium Owners? ETC. Therefore based on the above, I am in opposition to proposed House Bill 5590 until further clarification can be had. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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